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BAPTISTS LEAVE
FOR ASSOCIATIONRichmond Ministers Who Are
Committee Members Go to
Petersburg To-Day.

The exodus of Baptist ministers from this city to Petersburg to attend the eighty-ninth annual session of the Virginia Baptist General Association, which opens to-morrow night, will begin to-day, a number of ministers leaving in advance to be present at committee and board meetings.

On the mission board and on the education board Richmond is well represented. Rev. W. C. James is chairman of the education board, and Rev. George W. McDaniel, Rev. Ryland Knight, Rev. W. E. Robertson, Rev. J. B. Hutson, Rev. W. L. Ball, Rev. R. H. Pitt, J. Taylor Ellyson, A. J. Cheek and others are members.

Among the local ministers who will address the convention are Rev. T. Claggett Skinner, who will preach the annual sermon to-morrow night, and Rev. J. W. Wicker, who will speak Friday morning in the interests of the city. The case involves the validity of the city's building line ordinance, and its outcome is being watched with much interest.

It is expected that a considerable amount of attention will be devoted to the affairs of Richmond College during the gathering.

ARGUED IN WASHINGTON

City's Building Line Ordinance Before
United States Supreme Court.

The case of the city of Richmond against Eubank was partly argued yesterday afternoon before the United States Supreme Court at Washington, and will be submitted to-day. City Attorney H. B. Pollard appeared for the city. The case involves the validity of the city's building line ordinance, and its outcome is being watched with much interest.

J. E. Eubank, a grocer at Twenty-seventh and Broad Streets, purchased and demolished a dwelling at Twenty-eighth and Grace Streets, erecting an annex or projecting bay window, which it was claimed, violated the line already established on petition of the owners of two-thirds of the property on the block. In Police Court Mr. Eubank was ordered to remove the offending bay window back to the proper building line, and this decision was upheld in the Hustings Court and Supreme Court of Appeals. A decision in the present term of the court.

NEW OFFICERS COME HERE

True Reformers, Colored Order, Starting
Activity Here.

The Grand Purcell, the "True Reformers," which has been organized from separate points of the compass since the last election of officers in September, and which colored men from different cities were chosen to rehabilitate the organization, gave a reception last night to the new officers. The occasion being the removal of the officers to Richmond from their former homes in Louisville, Ky., and Alexandria, Va. From now on the officers of the order will again be concentrated at the Richmond office, and the work of recruiting new members will be pushed with expedition.

THE SAVINGS BANK
OF
RICHMOND

The man who owns his home funds independent. Line up with us and we will help you to acquire your home. One dollar starts an account.

UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY
FOR POSTAL SAVINGS FUNDSFORD HOTEL LOT
HAS CLEAR TITLEHolder of Trust Deed Fails to
Disturb City's Purchase
of Property.

Richmond's purchase of the Ford Hotel property without liability to the creditors of the former owners was finally affirmed yesterday morning by the Supreme Court of Appeals. That body refused to grant an appeal to Thomas Toby and E. S. Blanton, trustees, in the consolidated causes of Mary Lucy Ford vs. A. J. Ford, trustee, et al.; Estelle Madeline Ford vs. Charles Thomson Herndon, and Mary Lee Benet vs. Florence B. Quincey et al.

Thomas Toby of Brooklyn, N. Y., took a deed of trust from Mary Lee Benet on her interest in tracts of land in York and Gloucester Counties, part of the Ford estate, to secure a loan of \$10,000. Later, as additional security, Toby took a deed of trust on Mrs. Benet's interest in the Ford Hotel property in Richmond. He states in his petition that he did not know a suit was pending for settlement of the estate, which might affect the security, and that no lis pendens was filed in the case.

By court decree, the hotel property was sold to the city of Richmond, which has paid for it, and intends to put a municipal building on the lot. The York and Gloucester property has been sold to the Investment Corporation, the Jamestown Centennial Company and the Peninsula Land Company. Toby endeavored to make the property still subject to his deed of trust, and the proceeding was dismissed by the Chancery Court as to the city of Richmond and the Investment Corporation. This decree is affirmed by the Supreme Court in refusing to grant an appeal, and the city's title therefore made safe.

FARMERS' WEEK

Instruction for Four Days to Be Given
Free at Blacksburg.

Four days of free instruction to the farmers of Virginia is now offered by the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. This will be given from December 31 to January 3. The four days will be devoted to discussions of some of the most important problems before the farmers, including methods of maintaining soil fertility, the use of fertilizers, corn, grass and potato growing, crop rotation, the farm dairy, dairymaking, breeding and feeding of live stock. These and other subjects will be discussed by members of the agricultural faculty of the Blacksburg school, and speakers from other parts of Virginia, and from other States.

The Virginia State Corn Growers' Association meets at Blacksburg during this time, and will have a competitive exhibit of corn.

Railroads are expected to give reduced rates, and visitors will be boarded at cost by the college.

Such a plan is followed in many States.

SHOULD BE SHOT

Howitzers' Paper, Kills on Deck, Gets
Fired.

After remaining quiescent through all the long summer months, the Howitzers' Gazette has resumed publication. In its leading editorial it discusses a range of subjects from President-elect to football uniforms. Sergeant J. E. Seney again yields the editorial chair to the "Howitzer," while "Cortlandt" L. F. Seiden is publisher, and has the job of getting money to pay reporters, typesetters and such other expenses.

The following "dippy-dillys" are perpetrated under the caption, "Fire at Will":

If the batteries was in camp at Taylor's, the Howitzers' Gazette would be sent to the Howitzers' Association, which will be held to-morrow evening at 6 o'clock in the offices of the Chamber of Commerce. This is to be the annual business meeting, since the reunion and banquet is held each year on December 13—the anniversary of the battle of Fredericksburg.

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BITTER ATTACK ON
PIANO CONTRACTSLocal Music Dealers Get Raw
Deal From School Board,
Says Crafts.

CHICAGO BID CALLED BRIBE

Term Applied to Cable Com-
pany's Offer of One Piano
Free With Each Sold.

Before the School Board's committee on buildings and furniture appeared last night Arthur J. Crafts, of the Crafts Piano Company, Inc., and charged that for the past seven years the board has been awarding contracts for musical supplies to a Chicago firm, without giving local dealers a fair chance to compete, in complete disregard of the booster slogan: "Buy what you can at home or as near home as possible."

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HOWITZERS WANT
FULL BATTALIONMovement Begun to Organize
Two Additional Companies
in Richmond.

WOULD ENLARGE ARMORY

Full Dress Uniforms to Be
Bought—Horses Probability
of Near Future.

Work has been actively begun by leading spirits in the Richmond Howitzers to organize two additional batteries of field artillery in Richmond, so that a battalion of this branch of the service may be formed in this city. In forty-eight hours of intermittent work, one officer secured the signatures of thirty-one men who agree to become members of the second battery, while those in charge of the canvass for a third command report good progress already made.

This action would restore the Howitzers to the old war-time footing of three batteries, and would give to Richmond another military unit, which would give this city nation-wide prominence.

Wanted by Government. For some time past the War Department has been urging the formation of battalions of field artillery at points where batteries exist. It can be done without great cost. The same equipment of guns can be used for all batteries, since but one can drill at a time in any event. The government stands ready to furnish service uniforms, revolvers and all other equipment of artillerymen.

The desirability of battalions was also impressed on the officers who attended the school for artillery commanders at Fort Riley the past summer. This helped to give the impetus to the movement which has now taken tangible form.

Make It a Regiment. The organization of a battalion in Richmond would leave the batteries at Norfolk and Portsmouth on the outside. The natural result would be the formation of a new battery in two cities, so as to make a second battalion there. It is thought this could be easily done—if in no other way, by using the best of the personnel that formerly made up the coast artillery. With six batteries, a regiment of field artillery would be the result in Virginia, with a colonel and the advantages of such an organization.

Captain W. M. Myers, commander of the Howitzers, is taking no personal part in the movement, other officers having the matter in charge. But there would seem to be no doubt that in the event a battalion is realized, no other name than his will be considered for the office of major.

New Armory and Horses. What Captain Myers is more interested in than anything else at present is enlargement of the armory now in use on Eighth Street. This would be necessary, as a battalion is organized. Plans have been in existence for some time, involving the use of the now vacant lot between the armory and gymnasium. These contemplate the extension of the drill hall across the lot, to a level with the second floor of the gymnasium, and forming a sufficient space for a battalion parade.

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WILL TEACH FARM
AGENTS AT V. P. I.Demonstrators Will Get Six
Weeks' Special Instruction
This Winter.

BIG STEP FORWARD TAKEN

Many Counties Apply for Dem-
onstrator Work During
Coming Year.

Arrangements have been consummated for what is regarded as the most important step taken since the inauguration of farm demonstration work in Virginia. This is nothing less than the training of all the demonstration agents at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute for six weeks during the coming winter.

All the plans have been worked out in detail. The matter has been arranged so quietly that nothing has been known of it until this time.

Between fifty and sixty farm demonstration agents will be taken to Blacksburg for a special course in agriculture. They will go in the middle of January and remain until the end of February next. The phone office in Washington will pay their salaries, and they will defray their own expenses for transportation and board at the school. Some of the men are gray-headed, but all of them have found that no one ever gets too old to learn something valuable about agriculture.

Study Horticulture. An outline of the course can be given. One study to be taken up will be that of horticulture. When the agents leave Blacksburg they will be so equipped that they can make a comprehensive study of the horticultural conditions in their respective counties. They will list every orchard, with its size, its varieties and its possibilities. This information will always be within reach.

Then personal visits can be made to each fruit grower, with the certainty of extending such advice as the demonstrator may find necessary. Facilities will be found as to planting, as to cultivation, as to spraying, as to picking, packing and marketing. The latest methods in handling all these matters will be taught and learned at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

In addition to the horticultural studies in Blacksburg for the pursuit of studies in horticulture, the school is especially well equipped for teaching dairymaking. Milk testing will be an important part of the course of the demonstrators. When the instruction is complete, the demonstrators may take a Bachelor's test in his buggy from one end of his county to the other. He will be in position to test the milk from every cow, and to inform the owner in short time which of his animals are worth keeping and which should be sold as not profitable.

Other lines will be followed in the effort to have the men who help the farmers of Virginia know what should be known by every man who attempts to farm for profit.

Many Counties Come In. The demand for demonstration work has now grown almost beyond the reach of those at its head. More counties in Virginia are clamoring to come in. Some eight or ten heretofore on the outside have made application to be cared for during the coming year and have been accepted. The limit will soon be reached, for the finances must be considered. The counties pay half the salary of the agents, while the remainder of the compensation is furnished by the department in Washington and by the State.

In some cases, schools are awakened to the needs of the hour. Emory and Henry College is paying half the salary of an instructor, who is paid by the public for the other half of his time. He teaches agriculture in a school heretofore devoted to making ministers and in giving classical education. The rest of his time he spends as do other demonstrators—telling farmers how to make money. The same plan is followed in the agricultural high school at Burkeville.

Everywhere the farmer is waking up.

L. K. SHEPHERD CO.
IN RECEIVERSHIP

Petition of Local Creditors Asks
Court to Declare Ice Cream
Dealers Bankrupt.

Richmond creditors filed a petition in the United States District Court yesterday asking that L. K. Shepherd, trading as L. K. Shepherd & Co., be declared a bankrupt. The petition was signed by F. B. Odell, the L. K. Shepherd Ice Cream company, Inc., and Walter Wynne, each submitting claims which it is stated, the embarrassed concern is not able to meet.

An additional prayer of the petitioners asked that the court appoint a receiver to take immediate charge of the business at 405 East Broad Street. Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., designated as receiver of the concern George N. Skipton, who furnished bond in the amount of \$5,000, and assumed the management of the business pending the adjustment of its indebtedness through the courts.

Claims Aggregate \$6,668. The petition sets forth that F. B. Odell holds a claim of \$1,000 against L. K. Shepherd & Co., evidenced by a negotiable note for that amount, now past due. The L. K. Shepherd Ice Cream company claims an indebtedness of \$5,668, of which \$4,678.60 is evidenced by past due notes and the balance is due on open account. Walter Wynne holds a past due negotiable note for \$265.

The creditors state in their petition that L. K. Shepherd & Co. committed an act of bankruptcy by admitting yesterday in writing inability to pay its indebtedness and its willingness to be adjudged bankrupt on that ground.

The embarrassed concern is one of the best known in the city and has for a number of years been engaged in the ice cream and confectionary business. An order was issued by the court citing the bankrupt to appear before the United States District Court at 11 o'clock A. M. November 22.

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Wear Holeproof HoseThe kind that are guaranteed against holes for
SIX MONTHS
All kinds for men, women and children.

Gans-Rady Company

BEGIN PLANS FOR
BIG CONVENTIONLocal Chapter Starts to Get
Ready for American Insti-
tution of Banking.

The Richmond Chapter of the American Institute of Banking met in the Richmond Hotel last night for the first session of the 1912-1913 season. Plans were made at the meeting for entertaining the 600 delegates who will meet here at the national convention of the organization some time next summer.

A committee was announced last night which will have full charge of all arrangements for the convention. It is composed of George H. Keene, Jr., L. Gordon, D. E. Mountcastle, Clinton L. Williams and H. G. Proctor, who, as president of the local chapter, serves as ex-officio.

W. T. Dabney, business manager of the Chamber of Commerce, and Harry V. Haynes, of Washington, vice-president of the American Institute of Banking, addressed the meeting last night. Mr. Dabney told of some experiences of the institute in Salt Lake City. He attended that convention in landing the convention for this city.

Mr. Haynes' address. The subject of Mr. Haynes' talk was the Institute of Banking, and the technical matters of the banking business, and the relation of the organization to them. The American Institute of Banking has for its object the dissemination of knowledge about financial matters of all kinds among the younger bank employees.

The local chapter numbers about 135 members, and to this total fifteen new names were added at last night's meeting. Hereafter, the meetings of the organization will be monthly until the summer months are again reached. A place of meeting has not yet been secured, but committee have that matter under consideration.

Weekly classes in banking, finance and commercial law have already been started, and will continue through the winter. It is planned to secure the services of paid instructors for carrying on this work.

THREE WARRANTS OUT

Shooting on Chelsea Hill Monday Night a
Dance Hall.

Redd Hill, the keeper of the negro dance hall at Chelsea Hill, who was charged with shooting James M. Smith on Monday night, surrendered to the police of Henrico County yesterday, and is now in jail. Hill has retained Attorney H. M. Smith, Jr., to represent him in the trial.

James M. Smith, also colored, was likewise arrested and charged with implication in the same crime. It is said that Hill was carrying concealed weapons, and that he discharged his pistol on the public highway near the dance hall.

A warrant has been sworn out for James M. Smith, the victim of the shooting, charging him with carrying concealed weapons. Three pistols taken from the three men found in the shooting were found in the possession of Deputy Sheriff R. C. Garnett at the Henrico Jail. They will be held for use as evidence in the trial.

The shooting, which appears to have been general, is alleged to have occurred when Hill attempted to exclude Miss from the dance hall. It is said that Hill had been previously paid admission, and that he had only left the hall temporarily.

SUFFRAGE NEWS

Commissioner James B. Doherty to
Talk on Labor Laws and Conditions.</